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S. 2398

To provide for establishment of a memorial to sportsmen.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. THOMPSON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Sportsmen’s Memorial
5 Act of 1998”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) the conservation of the fish and wildlife re-
9 sources of the United States is of critical importance
10 to all citizens;

1 (2) numerous Federal and State agencies have
2 been created to manage the conservation of our fish
3 and wildlife resources;

4 (3) numerous national, State, and local associa-
5 tions have been created to support the conservation
6 of our fish and wildlife resources;

7 (4) standing at the forefront of those collective
8 efforts are sportsmen, whose financial support to the
9 fish and wildlife conservation efforts of the United
10 States amounts to tens of billions of dollars;

11 (5) sportsmen have been the financial and phil-
12 osophical backbone of successful fish and wildlife
13 management throughout the 20th century;

14 (6) sportsmen's support has allowed fish and
15 wildlife managers to protect and restore millions of
16 acres of habitat, engage in high quality research on
17 a multitude of fish and wildlife species, and actively
18 manage our fish and wildlife resources on a day-to-
19 day basis;

20 (7) through the Act entitled "An Act to provide
21 that the United States shall aid the States in wild-
22 life-restoration projects, and for other purposes", ap-
23 proved September 2, 1937 (commonly known as the
24 "Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act") (16
25 U.S.C. 669 et seq.), the Act entitled "An Act to pro-

1 vide that the United States shall aid the States in
2 fish restoration and management projects, and for
3 other purposes”, approved August 9, 1950 (com-
4 monly known as the “Federal Aid in Fish Restora-
5 tion Act”) (16 U.S.C. 777 et seq.), and the migra-
6 tory bird hunting and conservation stamp program,
7 sportsmen have contributed billions of dollars for the
8 betterment of the fish and wildlife resources of the
9 United States and the conservation of fish and wild-
10 life habitat;

11 (8) sportsmen, through their purchase of State
12 hunting and fishing licenses, stamps, and tags, have
13 contributed additional billions of dollars directly to
14 State fish and wildlife agencies for the betterment of
15 fish and wildlife resources and the conservation of
16 fish and wildlife habitat;

17 (9) sportsmen, through their voluntary con-
18 tributions to fish and wildlife conservation associa-
19 tions, have conserved additional millions of acres of
20 habitat and a multitude of fish and wildlife species;
21 and

22 (10) this support has allowed fish and wildlife
23 managers to achieve some of our greatest fish and
24 wildlife conservation successes, including the North
25 American wild elk, striped bass, wild turkey,

1 pronghorn antelope, wood duck, and greater Canada
2 goose.

3 **SEC. 3. MEMORIAL TO SPORTSMEN.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior may
5 permit the Sportsmen’s Wildlife Foundation (a nonprofit
6 corporation established under the law of the State of Ten-
7 nessee) to establish in the District of Columbia or its envi-
8 rons a memorial to honor sportsmen in accordance with
9 the Commemorative Works Act (40 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).

10 (b) COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS FOR COMMEMO-
11 RATIVE WORKS.—The establishment of the memorial shall
12 be in accordance with the Commemorative Works Act (40
13 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).

14 (c) PAYMENT OF EXPENSES.—The Sportsmen’s
15 Wildlife Foundation shall be solely responsible for accept-
16 ance of contributions for, and payment of the expenses
17 of, the establishment of the memorial. Federal funds shall
18 not be used to pay any expense of the establishment of
19 the memorial.

20 (d) DEPOSIT OF EXCESS FUNDS.—If, upon payment
21 of all expenses of the establishment of the memorial (in-
22 cluding the maintenance and preservation amount re-
23 quired to be donated under section 8(b) of the Commemo-
24 rative Works Act (40 U.S.C. 1008(b))), or upon expiration
25 of the authority for the memorial under section 10(b) of

1 that Act (40 U.S.C. 1010(b)), there remains a balance of
2 funds received for the establishment of the memorial, the
3 Sportsmen's Wildlife Foundation shall transmit the
4 amount of the balance to the Secretary of the Treasury
5 for deposit in the account provided for in section 8(b)(1)
6 of that Act (40 U.S.C. 1008(b)(1)).

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